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## “Nigiri and Maki”

Ones and zeros  
March across a green plain,  
Melt in my mouth.

## “Thai”

An hour of life  
Consumed shuffling dead trees creates one dead lincoln.

I receive a reflected smile from the waitress.  
In the promise of two dead lincolns,  
She returns bearing a boiling sea in which three dead prawns swim  
Lazily  
I sip at the spicy broth  
Greedy thankful for the life  
I take from these aquatic unfortunates  
(inhaling life out of them sip by sip,  
or exhaling life into them by the very appropriation?)

“Mind”

working its sprouts through the cracks of my skull like the  
gentle growth that destroys  
city sidewalks  
sprouts divorce into branches, branches, branches and branches,  
roses bloom, thorns proliferate, will any doves *dare* to nest  
in me?

*Jared Campbell*